Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, March 26, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 33.

I. The corps of officers for ordnance duty will be reafter be composed exclusively as follows, viz:

1st. Officers of the regular confederate army, detailed by the War department for ordnance duty.

2d. Officers of the provisional artillery, appointed under the act of congress April 21st, 1862.

3d. Officers of the provisional artillery for ordnance duty, appointed under act of 16th September 1862 (including at present those on duty under General Orders, No. 12, 1863).

4th. Officers of artillery in the provisional army and volunteer corps, appointed under act of congress approved January 22d, 1862, and detailed on ordnance duty by the War department.

5th. Officers of the Nitre and Mining bureau, appointed under act of congress.

II. Officers heretofore assigned to ordnance duty, under provisions of General Orders, No. 24 and No. 46, of 1862, although not forming a part of the ordnance corps, will continue to be recognized in their positions until relieved by the assignment of officers of the ordnance corps regularly appointed or detailed. Officers of this class will be replaced by the regularly appointed officers assigned for ordnance duty, at the discretion of any General commanding an army or department, when the interest of the service requires it.

All such changes will be communicated to the Chief of Ordnance at Richmond.

III. All officers in charge of arsenals, armories, work shops, depots, or other posts, where work is performed by detailed men, who are paid by the department in which they are employed, and who relinquish claim for pay as soldiers, shall make monthly reports to the chiefs of their respective bureaux, containing full lists and descriptions of the men, with a correct statement of the pay they receive. These reports will be forwarded to the Quartermaster General, for the information and guidance of the Pay department, to prevent the payment of fraudulent claims.

IV. All Generals or other officers commanding military departments or districts, will require from provost marshals and commandants of prisons, monthly reports of all citizens and other persons, not connected with the confederate army, held in confinement, with specifications of date and cause of arrest, and by whom arrested, accompanied with such remarks as they may deem proper, and forward the same without delay to this office.

V. Paragraph VI, General Orders, No. 31, current series, is so far amended as to read as follows:

Claims arising under paragraph IV, will be settled by the second auditor; those under paragraph V, by officers of the Quartermaster's department. In the latter class, the facts must be attested by the certificate of the commanding officer of the regiment to which the claimant belonged at the date of his promotion.

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